

COUNTRY East Germany Approved For Release 2006/05/25 : CIA-RDP82-00457R016100180009-9TOPIC Wittstock Airfield

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REMARKS

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1. About 10:30 a.m. on 24 September 1952, 33 to 38 swept-back jet fighters and 16 aircraft of an unidentified type were observed at Wittstock airfield from the Wittstock-Altdabern highway. Of the jet fighters, nine each were parked southeast and south of the eastern end of the runway, while 15 to 20 were observed in front of the hangars. The 16 planes of an unidentified type were parked closely together and surrounded by many persons. Details were not observed. On 27 September, the aircraft of unidentified type were no longer seen at the installation.<sup>1</sup>

2. Air activity observed at the field during the period from 25 September through 17 November included:

25 September. There was no flying; the weather was rainy.

26 September. At 7 a.m., one MiG-15 took off headed for Pritzwalk. The return of this plane was not observed. At 8 a.m. rain set in and flying discontinued.

27 September. At 9:05 a.m., a MiG-15 took off heading west. No other air activity was observed. The weather was cloudy and rainy.

28 September. The weather was rainy; there was no flying.

29 September. At 2:30 p.m., 4 MiG-15s without auxiliary fuel tanks took off, practiced flying in line abreast formation and landed again about 2:45 p.m.

The weather was rainy and cloudy, but visibility was good.

9 October. At 2:45 p.m., 4 MiG-15s without auxiliary fuel tanks practiced flying in line abreast formation. No other air activity was observed. The weather was rainy, and there was a 9/10 overcast.

13 October. At 11:30 a.m., a MiG-15 without auxiliary fuel tanks took off and circled at a great altitude east of the field. Vapor trails were seen. The plane practiced diving, pulling out of the dive at relatively great altitudes. There was a 5/10 overcast at a great altitude.

From 18 October through 6 November, there was no flying at the field. On 3 and 5 November, the field was crossed by twin-engine aircraft.

11 November. At 9:30 a.m. 2 MiG-15s without auxiliary fuel tanks took off and flew toward Pritzwalk. The weather was overcast.

12 November. At 11 a.m., a MiG-15 without auxiliary fuel tanks took off and circled the field below the ceiling. The plane landed after about 15 minutes. The weather was hazy. There was no flying between 13 and 16 November.

17 November. At 2 p.m., a Po-2 took off and landed again after a few minutes.<sup>2</sup>

25X1 3. On 29 September [redacted] at the field a van-like truck with a device on its roof and red, blue and green lamps arranged in two rows on the front side of the truck superstructure. The lamps had a diameter of about 15 cm. The set on the roof

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of the truck was covered with a tarpaulin, which only showed the contours of the set. [REDACTED]

4. The three radar sets previously observed near bunker No 37 were still seen there on 17 November. No activities were observed near these sets between 25 September and 17 November. On 13 October, a radar set of the same type as that seen near bunker No 37 was seen for the first time south of the taxiway and west of the repair hangar. No activities were observed at this set.<sup>4</sup>
5. After 13 October, excavating was observed north, south and west of the runway. Construction work appeared to be going on in the wooded area at the western edge of the field, south of the runway. On each day of observation, about 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and trucks loaded with sand were seen at the border of the wooded area, from which lines and cables extended to building No 10.<sup>5</sup>
6. On 13 October, six canvas-covered objects arranged in a row, apparently AAA guns with a caliber smaller than 76 mm were observed at the western edge of the field. Four guns were seen in the AAA emplacement north of the assumed new AAA emplacement. There was a possibility that more than four guns were located at the old AAA emplacement.

8. Since October there had been negotiations at the field with Major Ribets (fnu) in connection with the construction of temporary officers billets at the field. It was planned to build a single-story temporary building with 24 rooms for two officers each and two large rooms the purpose of which was unknown. [REDACTED] The two larger rooms had a capacity of six officers each. [REDACTED]

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1. [REDACTED] the fighter corps headquarters at Wittstock held an exercise on 24 September 1952. The 16 unidentified aircraft observed [REDACTED] were probably MiG-15s belonging to another fighter regiment which was temporarily stationed at Wittstock airfield.

2. [REDACTED] Comment. It is believed that flying activity at Wittstock just as the other airfields was on a limited scale because of unfavorable weather conditions.

3. [REDACTED]  
front side of the van-like truck was reported for the first time.

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for the first time. The set is fitted with four groups of dipoles. For its pin-point location, see Annex 2. The coupled arrangement of the three radar sets was previously also observed in Merseburg, Laerz and Gardelegen.

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5. [ ] Comment. It is believed that further bunkers for AAA batteries were under construction in this wooded area. According to available information, two light AAA batteries are stationed at the field. Building No 40 previously housed a Tech agency. It is believed that it is now being used as an AAA command post.

6. [ ] Comment. The KFO was previously believed to be located in Potsdam. However, since this agency is closely connected to the GOFG it is well possible that the KFO, with the Hq of the GOFG, moved from Potsdam to Wunsdorf. Kibets and Minaev are reported for the first time. [ ] was previously reported as being assigned to the central billeting and supply office for East Germany. This office may be identical with the KEO agency.

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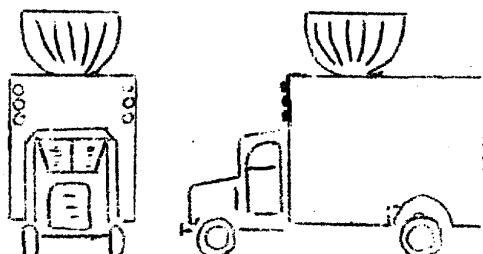
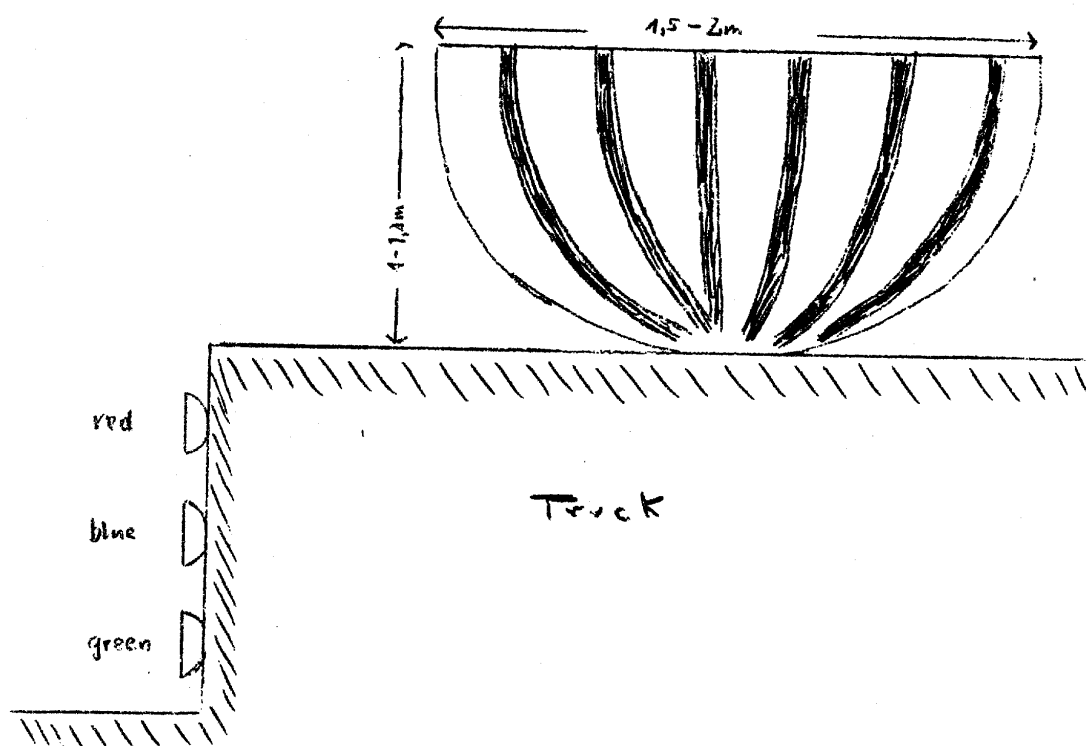
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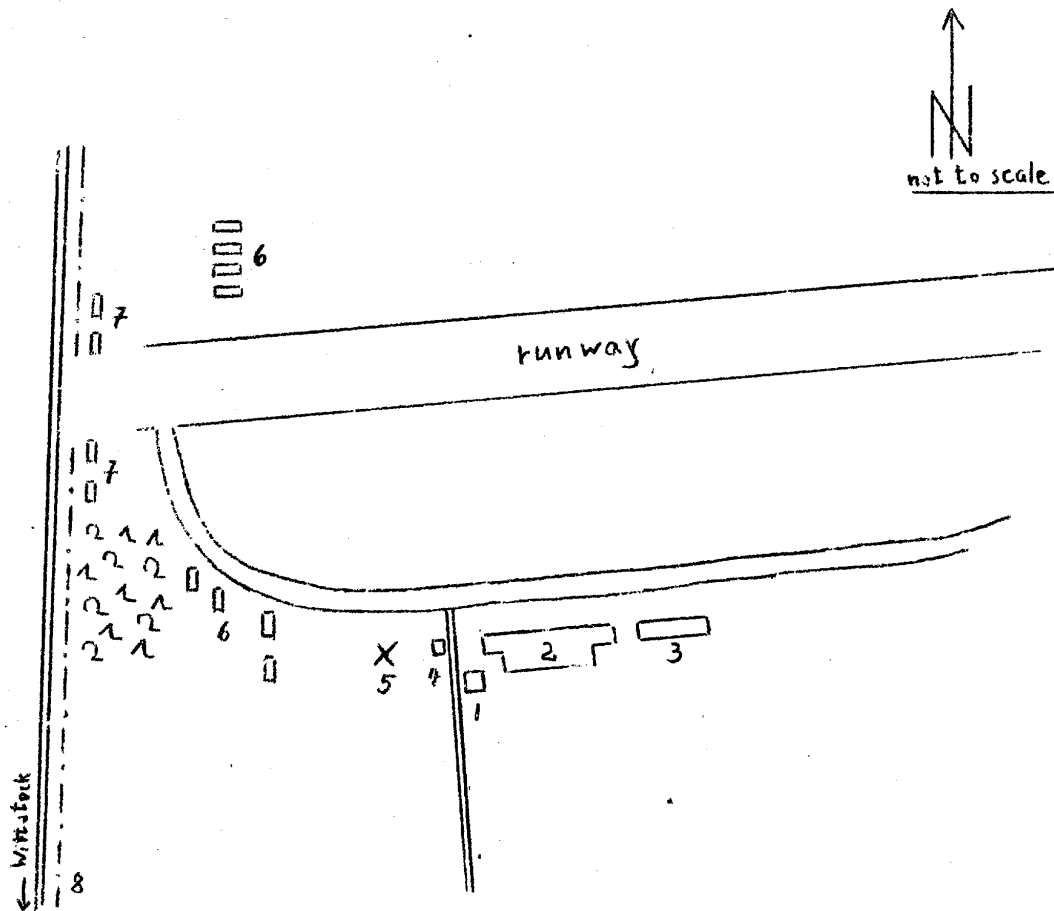
SECURITY INFORMATION



Radar Set Observed at Pittstock Airfield



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Wittock Airfield

## Legend:

- 1 Utility shops
- 2 Repair hangar
- 3 Officer billets
- 4 Small guardhouse
- 5 Radar set with four groups of dipoles
- 6 Completed underground bunkers
- 7 Underground bunkers under construction
- 8 Fence

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